

REMARKS

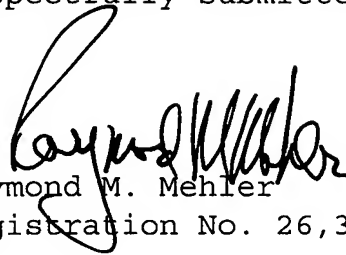
In the original, parent application, the Examiner had raised a restriction requirement between the generic and automated aseptic fluid transfer claims on the one hand and the species which encompass chromatography and the tangential flow filtration embodiments, on the other hand. The present, divisional application is directed to the first grouping.

In order to facilitate an appreciation of the claims covering the different embodiments of the originally filed claims of the parent application, applicant provides the following information concerning the originally filed claims. Claims 1-7, 47-52 and 56-58 are considered generic. Original claims 8-11, 20-28, 53 and 59-63 are directed to automated aseptic fluid transfer. Original claims 12-19, 29-46, 54-55 and 64-77 are directed to the chromatography species and to the tangential flow filtration species.

By the present Amendment, claims 12-19, 29-46, 54-55 and 64-77 are cancelled. All that remains in this application are the claims directed to the generic and automated aseptic fluid transfer subject matter.

Applicant respectfully believes that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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